

why they continue to defend the situation in Haiti or aid and abet the activities of the Aristide crowd. They are not Democrats.

Given this total failure, Congress must act to help stop the move toward dictatorship in Haiti. In this year's foreign operations bill, the House voted to prohibit any aid to the government of Haiti with a few exceptions such as counterdrug assistance and humanitarian food aid for the people and medicine for the sick. This is a good first step, but there is plenty more to be done.

Another good and logical step would be for the United States to revoke visas issued to corrupt Haitian government officials who are credibly alleged to be involved in narcotics trafficking, money laundering, and other crimes. Haiti's leaders have turned their backs on democracy and, saddest of all, have turned their backs on their own people.

The Clinton administration has fumbled U.S. policy toward Haiti at a cost of billions to the American taxpayer and immeasurable suffering to the Haitian people.

Mr. Speaker, I challenge the Clinton-Gore administration to publicly admit their failure in Haiti, and I invite them to join in a policy that supports democracy rather than Aristide and his cronies.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CUMMINGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEMINT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. STRICKLAND) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. STRICKLAND addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

NATIONAL FAMILY FARM DAIRY EQUITY ACT OF 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WHITFIELD). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. KIND) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to join the gentleman from New York (Mr. HOUGHTON), the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the gentleman from Maine (Mr. BALDACCI) in introducing the National Family Farm Dairy Equity Act of 2000. This legislation will provide counter-

cyclical dairy payments to our Nation's hard-pressed area farmers when the market price falls below \$12.50 per hundredweight for milk. As we all know, dairy has been a highly controversial political issue in this Chamber, oftentimes pitting region against region and farmer against farmer regardless of where they are producing in this country. It is time we end this political regional fight and bring our family farmers together with a national approach.

Despite the well-intentioned regional disputes, one thing is clear and indisputable: family dairy farms across the Nation are hurting with prices at over 20-year lows. Thousands of family farmers are forced out of business each year and our rural communities in all regions suffer as well. We are losing four to five family dairy farms a day in the State of Wisconsin alone under these conditions.

In fact, the price for Class III milk, milk manufactured for cheese, has been less than \$10 per hundredweight since the beginning of this year. This rock-bottom price has had a devastating effect on family farmers in my home State of Wisconsin, America's dairyland. Despite the disastrously low prices that are plaguing our family farmers, dairy is a stepsister to the other agriculture commodity programs. Unlike wheat and feed grains, which received the lion's share of the \$22 billion of emergency relief over the past two years, dairy has received a paltry 1.5 percent of this sum, or roughly \$325 million.

While this assistance has been appreciated by many within our dairy industry, it is far from a panacea. Instead of being constant, these payments are subject to political pressure and the whims and demands of the appropriators in Congress.

The legislation we have introduced today is quite simple. It provides for greater income from dairy production by creating a \$12.50 per-hundredweight target price for all classes of milk. But this legislation is market reflecting; it is not market distorting. Moreover, this legislation makes the dairy program more consistent with Federal programs for other commodities, similar to the loan deficiency payment which is currently applied to wheat and feed grains, which is strongly supported by Members from both political parties.

Dairy farmers will receive payments only when the market price falls below this certain target price. Hence, in good times when the prices are greater than \$12.50 per hundredweight, producers will not receive any payment. In times of poor prices, the size of the payment will be linked to the difference between the target price and the market price. Payments would be made monthly, not annually, as is the case under the dairy transition payment.

This legislation targets Federal assistance to medium-size family farms.

Specifically, under this tripartisan national bill, producers would receive assistance up to the first 2.6 million pounds of milk produced annually, reflective of milk produced by approximately 150 cows on a farm. Unlike past and current agricultural programs, producers would not receive financial assistance if they increased production. Also, new entrants would be eligible to participate.

Healthy, vibrant family dairy farms are vital economic, social, and cultural resources that we have but are now at risk. Sadly, this Nation takes this resource for granted and fails to fully appreciate the vital role that dairy farmers play in every consumer's daily life. Dairy is an important part of our economy. If we fail to safeguard this vital resource entering the new century, America risks losing the family dairy farms that have made us strong. My legislation safeguards this precious resource and this honorable way of life.

Mr. Speaker, as Congress begins to consider alternatives for its next farm bill, I believe the National Family Farm Dairy Equity Act is a right step to provide a safety net for America's dairy families who have experienced so much financial hardship due to misguided Federal policies.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on efforts to assist our Nation's hard-working dairy farmers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES of North Carolina addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. WILSON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GUAM ORGANIC ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our friend and colleague, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. KIND).

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING CAREER AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ADMIRAL JAY JOHNSON

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD), for yielding me the beginning portion of his 1-hour special order.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to rise this evening to pay tribute and to express